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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8. (Canceled)

9. **(New)** In a device for delivering fuel from a tank to an internal combustion engine, equipped with a pressure control valve that has a first chamber and a second chamber, which is separated from the first chamber by means of a valve member; the valve member cooperates with a valve seat; and a first connecting conduit situated in the vicinity of the valve seat feeds into the first chamber when the pressure control valve is open, the improvement wherein the valve member comprises a through conduit connecting the first connecting conduit to the second chamber when the pressure control valve is closed.

10. **(New)** The device according to claim 9, wherein the valve member comprises a diaphragm.

11. **(New)** The device according to claim 9, wherein the second chamber is embodied as sealed in relation to the atmosphere.

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12. **(New)** The device according to claim 9, wherein the second chamber contains a spring element that prestresses the valve member in the closing direction.

13. **(New)** The device according to claim 9, wherein the pressure control valve is connected parallel to a check valve.

14. **(New)** The device according to claim 13, wherein the check valve is connected in a third pressure line segment and pressure control valve is connected in a fourth pressure line segment; the third pressure line segment permitting a flow in the direction of the engine and the fourth pressure line segment permitting a flow in the direction of the tank.

15. **(New)** The device according to claim 14, further comprising a protective filter connected in the fourth pressure line segment, upstream of a second connecting conduit of the pressure control valve that feeds into the first chamber.

16. **(New)** The device according to claim 15, wherein the protective filter has a mesh aperture of less than 60 micrometers.